

With that, Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting my Patriot Week resolution.

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ALOHA SPIRIT

(Ms. GABBARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, a week ago, a man walked into a church in South Carolina and, in cold blood, gunned down nine worshippers. His actions were motivated by ignorance and hate. Throughout history and also in present day, unfortunately, there has been so much terror and suffering caused by ignorance and hate.

Mr. Speaker, in order to truly transcend racism, we must do more than remove slurs from our national vocabulary. In Hawaii, my home State, that consciousness is known as the aloha spirit—the consciousness of love and respect for all others, regardless of differences such as race, religion, gender, or nationality.

Understanding this truth is the path to peace. I would like to quote Mahatma Gandhi who said:

There must be a recognition of the existence of the soul apart from the body, and of its permanent nature, and this recognition must amount to a living faith; and, in the last resort, nonviolence does not avail those who do not possess a living faith in the God of love.

RECOGNIZING CAROLINE ROBERTSON

(Mr. ROUZER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROUZER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize a truly inspirational individual from my district. Caroline Robertson is a 12-year-old girl from Potters Hill, North Carolina. We met last October at an event in Beulaville. She was born with Trisomy 18, a rare chromosomal disorder.

Despite her diagnosis, Caroline has maintained a positive outlook on life, choosing to live every minute of every day. Last year, Caroline was crowned a “Dream Angel” by the North Carolina Outstanding Little Miss Pageant. She is using her crown to help raise awareness for handicapped children throughout North Carolina.

Earlier this year, Caroline hosted a fundraiser called Bikers, Tea, and Tiaras to raise money for Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals. There were over 35 crown titles in attendance, including Miss North Carolina 2014, Beth Stovall.

Caroline has had to overcome more adversity in 12 years than most of us will in a lifetime. She is a true inspiration to all around her, and I am honored to know her.

I would like to thank her for her work as a Dream Angel, and I know she will continue to accomplish great things in the years to come.

NUCLEAR NEGOTIATIONS WITH IRAN

(Mr. DOLD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, it seems like every day there is a startling headline about a new concession to Iran in the nuclear negotiations. We are undeniably cascading further and further from where these talks started just 19 months ago.

With the latest deadline for the deal only 5 days away, I fear and expect that even more damaging concessions to the Iranians are on the way. It doesn’t need to be this way. We don’t have to accept it, and we must make sure that our voices continue to be heard by the administration on this historic issue.

We know that upon reaching a deal—any deal—there will be a full on PR blitz to try to sell this agreement. When that happens, we must stand strong and avoid the temptation to simply go along with the “thrill of the deal.”

Instead of getting swept up in the momentum, we must not flinch from the simple, foundational idea that we have dedicated ourselves to all along, preventing Iran from having any path to a nuclear weapon. We can do it if we stick together.

SUPREME COURT ISSUES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MOOLENAAR). Under the Speaker’s announced policy of January 6, 2015, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) for 30 minutes.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, it has been a big day over at the Supreme Court and a big day for the Constitution as the Constitution has taken a rather profound hit.

I understand the rules, Mr. Speaker. The rules are made clear. We will not impugn anybody’s integrity and office up here, so I am not talking about an individual, I am talking about how completely dishonest, disingenuous, and how much affront to the Constitution and pure candor the majority’s opinion is at the Supreme Court.

Nothing is more of an indictment against the majority opinion than at the end of the opinion itself. The majority indicted themselves with their own words.

At the end of the majority opinion, the majority says, “In a democracy, the power to make the law rests with those chosen by the people. Our role is more confined”—and then quotes from *Marbury v. Madison*—“to say what the law is.”

The Court today goes on to say: “That is easier in some cases than in others. But in every case we must respect the role of the legislature, and take care not to undo what it has done. A fair reading of legislation demands a fair understanding of the legislative plan.

“Congress passed the Affordable Care Act to improve health insurance markets, not to destroy them. If at all possible, we must interpret the Act in a way that is consistent with the former, and avoids the latter. Section 36B can fairly be read consistent with what we see as Congress’ plan, and that is the reading we adopt.”

The judgment of the United States Court of Appeals Fourth Circuit is affirmed.

That majority opinion is an indictment of the majority. The Constitution is worthless—absolutely worthless—when we have a majority of the Supreme Court that makes up law or in this case says: Do you know what? We know what Congress passed, we have read it, and we get it.

It makes exceedingly clear that unless a State sets up a State exchange for health care, then that State will be punished by not getting subsidies. That was debated, and that was included by the majority of the House and Senate without a single Republican vote, not a single Republican vote.

As the former chair of Ways and Means told some of our Members: We don’t need your vote, and we don’t want your input.

They did it as one party, jamming this down the throats of the Republican Party and the majority of the American people. That is why they lost the majority in November 2010.

They made it very clear. If you don’t set up a State exchange, you don’t get the subsidies in your State. God bless all the States that stood up and said: No, this is wrong. A majority of the American people didn’t want this. You passed this without any input from nearly a majority of the constituents that are represented by Republicans. You didn’t care that it was the most partisan a bill that has ever passed in Congress. You didn’t care. You forced it. It is bad for Americans, and we are not going to help you by setting up a State exchange. Yes, we understand the law is very clear. Our State doesn’t get the subsidies from the Federal Government—those are called bribes to be more literal—our State won’t get the bribes that you throw back at us that came from our taxpayers if we don’t set up the State exchanges. We understand that.

So what happens? The people that passed that bill and the President that helped pass the bill and forced it through and signed it realized they had made a major mistake, and rather than come and get Republicans to fix the disaster they had created, the President who had indicated he has a pen and he has a phone, decided: That allows me to make law, create new law, and change law completely that I have already signed into law because I got a pen and a phone, I can just change it upon my whim.

The President basically decided, through his administration, they decided that they would set up Federal exchanges. Even though the law was